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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102
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WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
CONSUMERS NEW JERSEY WATER)	CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)	IN WATER RATES FOR SERVICE
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER)	
SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)	DOCKET NO. WR03120974

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 4, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Consumers New Jersey Water Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and serving approximately 38,000 water customers and approximately 3,000 wastewater customers in portions of the counties of Warren, Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Monmouth and Gloucester, filed a petition for a revision of its rates, amounting to an increase of approximately \$2,600,000 or 14.6% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on January 4, 2004. Petitioner also notified the Board that it will not implement rates on January 4, 2004. The Petitioner does not seek interim relief pending final determination on said petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until May 4, 2004, unless the Board, prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

- (3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 1/9/04

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